

have felt that they would have got nothing and the other side got everything. With this agreement, we, basically, we're going to do all of 651, we are going to get the bill passed, and, most importantly for me, we are going to increase tuition assistance to the tune of a quarter of a million dollars and get that figure up to \$2 million in the State of Nebraska. I think it is important that we mention that we are far from finished on trying to add money to these particular programs. I think the goal we had a few years ago was to try to get to \$5 million. That still is my goal but, obviously, if we'd have just sat here this session and battled it out with each side trying to get everything and denying the other side anything, we would have gotten no additional money into this program. Fortunately now we are going to increase it, and with the language in Section 30 of the bill, we have some very strong language there that as we continue to increase this, hopefully, in the years to come, we are going to increase it in the different programs in proportionate amount, and now maybe that we finally got our little squabble solved for the time being, in the years to come, we can add to this fund and set it on a more acceptable level, in my opinion, in comparison to the other states as we try to address the problem of tuition assistance to the students in both the public and private sectors. And so with that, as I said, I know not everyone is happy with this particular amendment but I think it is the best all sides can do, and most importantly, the best beneficiary of all is all of the students in the State of Nebraska, because they all are going to get a little bit. With that I simply move for the adoption of the Warner, Withem, Hall amendment. Hopefully, we will get that attached to this bill and then the corresponding amendment to increase by \$250,000 the appropriation to this all-important program.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: The question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That won't be necessary. We have only one other light and I presume Senator Warner is prepared to close. Thank you. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, first, I thought this sheet was General Funds, this is total funds, state and federal, that was handed out. I indicated differently, so it would be the total picture, but I would just move the adoption of the amendment. I